

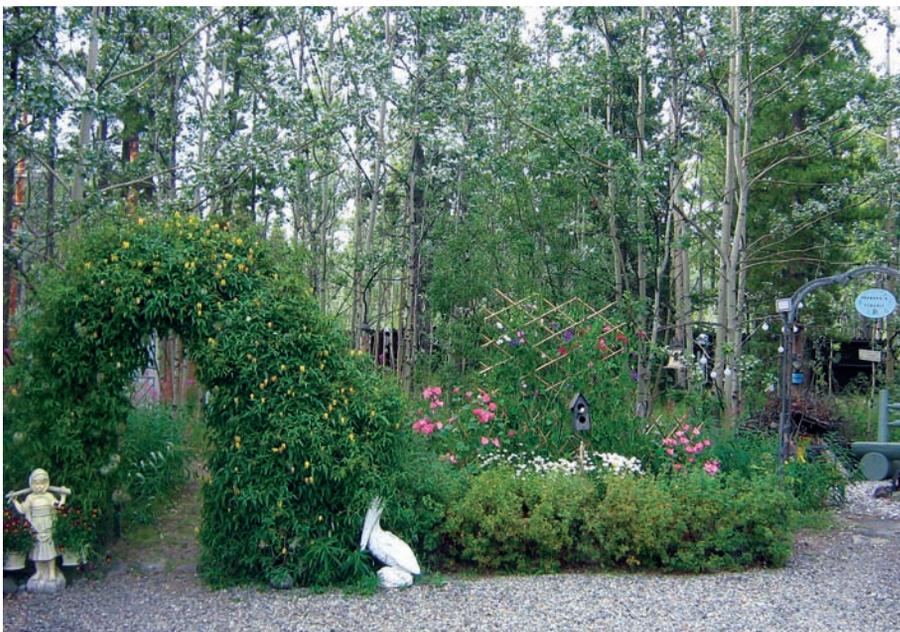


Dear Editor,

You folks do an amazing job, and just so you know I've been paying attention all these years, I'm attaching a few photos. You may recognize my greenhouse as it's one that's featured now and again in your magazine by an outstanding company – BC Greenhouses. I would rate them as a 12 out of 10 for customer service. We've been in periodic contact over the past 9 years since our purchase. Their family-owned business allowed me the privilege of knowing Christine Heinen and Henry (now retired), who actually stopped by our place to see the sunroom on his way to Alaska. We got the sunroom, which is a heated sitting room off our bedroom, so that we could enjoy early spring and late fall in there (we shut it down for winter). We are out there almost every night from April to September just relaxing, reading and listening to music.



We've had crazy weather here lately – it's supposed to be +10°C (50°F) today [Jan. 16]. I have never seen this in January before and we've been here 26 years. I realize that when one looks at a map of Canada, it's hard to fathom that much gardening takes place up here, but you would be amazed at what some people grow. I am normally planting mid-end May and am always watchful of frost warnings. While I plant a lot of annuals, I have learned to incorporate many perennials (hardy to Zone 3). I leave wildflowers (i.e. fireweed – our territorial flower) growing in amongst the delphiniums (they are similar in height) as they provide such gorgeous contrast. As part of our half-acre property is woods, I also leave/encourage the wildflowers (poppies, crocuses, fireweed, etc.) to grow there.



While the growing season is short, the midnight sun helps to sustain a good growth rate. Last summer was incredibly hot and my gardens flourished – the lavateras were over 7' (2.1m) tall and the Painted Lady runner beans that I grew in pots actually surpassed the trellis height of 7' and grew up into the trees behind them. While I normally clean out my gardens in early September, last summer gave us an extra few weeks to enjoy them. As with gardens everywhere, it's all about warmth and sunshine.

Please let your staff know how very much we subscribers appreciate you.

Fondest regards,
Sandi Wasnea,
Whitehorse, YK

Dear Sandi,

It's an honour to know we've been able to help you create such a lush

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